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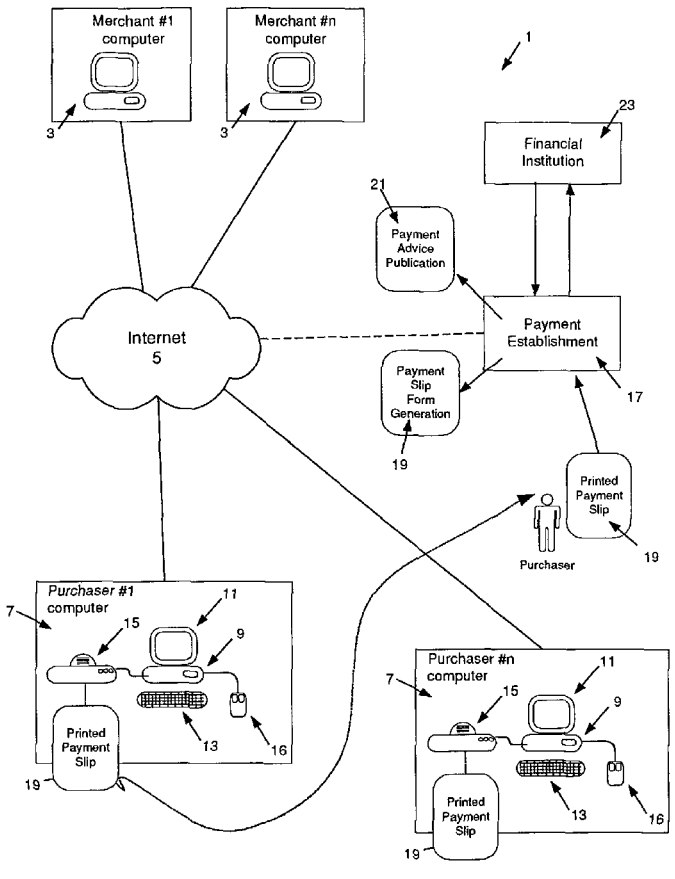
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(57) Abstract: A system and method for permitting purchases over a communication medium such as the Internet is provided. A payment identifier (19) is produced when a purchaser (7) makes a purchase from a merchant (3). This payment identifier (19) is generated by a payment establishment (17). The payment identifier((19) is communicated to the purchaser (7). The purchaser (17) then takes the payment identifier (19) to a payment establishment (17) to make an in-person payment. The payment identifier (19) does not have to display in human readable form the identify of the merchant (3) or the goods or services purchased. When in-person payment is made at the payment establishment, the merchant (3) is advised, and the purchased goods or services can then be delivered by the merchant (3). The system and method takes away the uncertainty associated with making payment on-line by providing credit card or like details over the communication medium. The payment establishment (17) can be a respected organisation with whom purchases can feel comfortable with in so far as disclosing their credit card or like details. Typically the payment establishment (17) can be a Post Office.

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